Results & Analysis of the 2012 MARFORRES Quality of Life Survey

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Survey Notes

- Survey conducted in July 2012 using Zoomerang
- Survey was open to all Marines, Civilians, & Contractors working at MARFORRES or JRB Belle Chasse
- Total # of responses received = 266

Survey Respondent Population

- Responses were received from:
  - Officer (O-4 - O-9) = 34
  - Officer (WO - O-3) = 21
  - Enlisted (E-6 - E-9) = 49
  - Enlisted (E-1 - E-5) = 98
  - Civilian (GS and NAF) = 56
  - Contractor = 9

Overview of Where We Live

- 81% of respondents live within 20 miles of MARCORSPTFAC and in Orleans, Plaquemines, Jefferson parishes
  - Most common ZIP Codes: Belle Chasse, Old Aurora, Algiers, MarCorSptFac, Gretna, and Harvey
- 34% live on base, 66% off base
- 29% own their homes, 71% rent (includes base housing)
- 67% are satisfied or very satisfied w/child's school
- 73% of children attend public schools
  - Of those 51% attend Belle Chasse school district

Where We Live (by ZIP code)

- Residence by most popular ZIP codes *(Top 6 only)*
  - 70037 (Belle Chasse): 70 [Plaquemines]
  - 70131 (Old Aurora): 41 [Orleans]
  - 70114 (Algiers/MARCORSPTFAC): 28 [Orleans]
  - 70056/58 (Gretna/Harvey): 22 [Jefferson]
  - 70001-70006 (Metairie): 15 [Jefferson]

Where We Live (by Parish)

- Respondent's Residence by Parish
  - Orleans: 89
  - Plaquemines: 7
  - Jefferson: 60
  - St Tammany: 23
  - St Charles: 4
  - St Bernard: 3
  - Other: 10

Top 3 parishes by residence

Quality of Life (QOL) Satisfaction

- 45% of respondents are satisfied or very satisfied with life in their parish
  - 30% are neutral
  - 25% are dissatisfied or very dissatisfied
- 39% are satisfied or very satisfied with the overall quality of life in LA
  - 30% are neutral
  - 31% are dissatisfied or very dissatisfied

Satisfaction with Jefferson Parish

- Jefferson Parish
  - Very Satisfied: 11 (21%)
  - Satisfied: 21 (40%)
  - Neutral: 11 (21%)
  - Dissatisfied: 3 (6%)
  - Very Dissatisfied: 6 (12%)

Satisfaction with Plaquemines Parish

- Plaquemines Parish
  - Very Satisfied: 7 (10%)
  - Satisfied: 23 (32%)
  - Neutral: 23 (32%)
  - Dissatisfied: 9 (12%)
  - Very Dissatisfied: 9 (12%)

Satisfaction with Orleans Parish

- Orleans Parish
  - Very Satisfied: 8 (9%)
  - Satisfied: 23 (26%)
  - Neutral: 36 (40%)
  - Dissatisfied: 10 (11%)
  - Very Dissatisfied: 13 (14%)

Quality of Life Concerns

- What do you think is the biggest problem facing your parish today?
  - Street Infrastructure: (29%)
  - Crime: (25%)
  - Education: (16%)
  - Economy/Unemployment: (14%)
  - Politics/Government: (11%)
  - Other: (5%)

How Far Do We Commute

- Commute Distance (one way)
  - 0-20 miles: 190 (81%)
  - 20-40 miles: 22
  - 40-60 miles: 19
  - 60+: 4
- Commute Time (one way)
  - > 30 minutes: 144
  - 30-45: 63
  - 45-60: 20
  - <60: 13

Child Care Services

- 21% of respondents have children in child care. Of those:
  - 34% use the JRB Belle Chasse CDC
  - 30% use a private facility
  - 18% use a friend/relative/spouse
  - 16% use the Federal City YMCA CDC
  - 2% of children are out of state

School Grades of Dependent Children

- Breakdown of grades attended by respondents children:
  - Pre K – 2nd Grade: (25%)
  - Grades 3-5: (28%)
  - Grades 6-8: (17%)
  - Grades 9-12: (16%)
  - College: (14%)

Types of Schools Attended

- # of Children per Types of Schools attended
  - Public: 103 children attending (65%)
  - Private: 32 (20%)
  - Home Schooling: 6 (3%)
  - Other: 17 (12%)
  - Total Responses: 158

School Attended by Name

- Schools attended by name and # of times selected
  - K-12
    - Belle Chasse School District: 41 (Plaquemines Parish)
    - NOMMA: 3 (New Orleans Maritime Military Academy) – ***New!***
    - Other various schools: 39
  - College:
    - LSU: 9
    - Tulane: 5
    - Nicholls State: 5
    - Delgado: 4

Education Improvements

- What improvements need to be made in the public schools of your district?
  - More parent involvement: (12%)
  - No improvements: (11%)
  - Well maintained classrooms/facilities: (11%)
  - Better test scores: (10%)
  - More math: (9%)
  - More art, music, sports enrichment classes: (9%)
  - More science: (8%)
  - Physical Ed in elementary schools: (8%)

Questions?

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